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NOT BECOME FOUNDING MEMBER

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[1](#)1. (U) Econoff delivered on August 16 ref A & B points and
principles for the Partnership for Democratic Governance
(PDG) to Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials Aart
Jacobi, Director, Human Rights, Humanitarian Aid, and Peace
Building, and Jan Huesken, Senior Policy Officer in the same
department.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In a subsequent discussion August 28, Huesken said
the GONL still had reservations on modalities and the PDG's
impact on local democratic processes, particularly if

governance was weak. Based on Dutch experience, he explained, contractors possessing critical expertise and performing key government functions found it difficult to leave as stipulated in their exit strategies. As a result, the GONL would not join as a founding member, and instead see how the PDG developed and review their membership decision "when the time was right," Huesken said.

13. (SBU) Huesken said, however, that the PDG's progress and institutionalization within the OECD was a "positive" development and that the GONL supported the "gist" of the PDG. Therefore, the Dutch would not block or obstruct the PDG's continued progress, he said.
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